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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No. ....

REPORT

C.S.C, Special Branch Office.

Date September 18 1938.

Subject (in full) Observation duty aboard the s.s. "Empress of Japan" on  
arrival of the late Mr. Singloh Hsu.

Made by D.S. Hocking Forwarded by Inspector

*E. Papp*

The undersigned, accompanied by C.D.S.156 and  
C.D.C.s 107 and 357, met the s.s. "Empress of Japan" at the  
Hongkew and Shanghai Wharf when the vessel docked at 8 a.m.  
on September 18, 1938. Observation was carried out in  
No.4 hold over the coffin containing the body of the late  
Mr. Singloh Hsu until 8.40 a.m. when the coffin was taken  
over by Mr. Horton of the International Funeral Directors  
and transferred to the tender "Victoria". Two foreign  
members of the River Police were in attendance on the trip  
to the Customs Jetty where a Municipal Police escort under  
S.I. Fernandez awaited the tender's arrival at 9 a.m.

No untoward incident took place.

*D. S. Hocking*

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D.C.(Special Branch).

FILE  
*28279*

CHINA PRESS.

SEP 16 1938

***Singloh Hsu's  
Body Is Due To  
Reach Here Today***

The body of Mr. Singloh Hsu, late Shanghai banker, is arriving in Shanghai this morning on the Empress of Japan, which is due here at about 6 o'clock.

Members of Mr. Hsu's family, who are now in Shanghai, have arranged for transferring the coffin from the ship to a lighter as soon as the Empress boat docks.

Information regarding plans for Mr. Hsu's funeral was not available last night. A private memorial meeting was held here by members of Mr. Hsu's family and his close friends sometime ago.

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# **Hongkong, "Nippo" Says Plane Raided To Capture Sun Fo**

(Reuter's Agency)

LONDON, Aug. 30.—Today's Morning Post publishes what purports to be a translation of an extract from the Hongkong Nippo of August 24, which, in view of denials from Tokyo, makes interesting reading.

The Nippo's headlines are quoted as follows:

"Sun Fo Escapes. Surprise Raid on Passenger Plane by Our Naval Airplanes."

The extract itself states, among other things, that "it was expected that Mr. Sun Fo would leave Hongkong aboard a C.N.A.C. plane in the morning, and shortly after leaving Hongkong, our naval planes chased the C.N.A.C. machine with the intention of surrounding it."

"Our wild eagles intended to capture Mr. Sun Fo alive."

The extract goes on to enumerate further developments which are now well-known.

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TRANSLATION

The radiogram "160025" has come to hand. In accordance<sup>8690</sup>  
with your instructions, the Tai Woo Insurance Company was  
immediately notified of the matter. However, during a  
previous interview with Mr. Parson of the Company, he stated  
that any untoward incident involving staff employees and  
passengers of the Passage Liner "Kweiling," or damage done  
to the machine as the result of its being attacked, is beyond  
the usual sphere of insurance on the ground that such case  
arises out of accident. Unless it is insured against war  
risk, there is no likelihood that the company would grant  
compensation.

As we have now decided to reserve all rights for  
demanding payment of compensation, I respectfully suggest  
that a radiogram be despatched immediately to the Company  
giving all details in English and that strong representations  
made direct with the concern in question.

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中國航空公司

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## RADIOGRAM

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致 To Mr. D. Copy She Hkg Liang Cng Rush

'160025" 7193 高 2417 致 1885 步 6690 連 0613 市 0271 備  
 0428 函 6639 通 4249 知 3141 泰 0735 和 0202 保 7145 險  
 0361 公 0674 司 1919 惟 5120 職 0467 前 5112 用 6:15 該  
 0361 公 0674 司 Pearson 0689 后 7240 面 4468 格 7070 同  
 2456 於 2710 桂 2651 林 5714 號 2894 就 5926 被 6002 裝  
 0057 事 5120 戰 0765 員 0042 乘 1356 為 4583 等 1412 將  
 0171 承 1172 妙 2654 果 4099 餘 3932 生 0008 不 1630 幸  
 0057 事 0115 件 2057 或 6115 該 2894 就 2275 損 3014 毀  
 1906 情 0057 事 0190 係 0008 不 0961 在 2528 普 6639 通  
 2121 投 0202 保 4636 紀 0953 國 0110 以 0355 內 0936 因  
 2474 此 7309 27 0057 事 0115 件 0427 出 2456 於 1942 店

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To

1120外 7236非 0202保 2589有 0365兵 7145險 1412將  
0171來 6341賠 0326償 0001-1461層 1858恐 7181難  
1172如 7349願 3807現 2053我 2455方 2478既 2948款  
0686向 6115該 0361公 0674司 6008要 3061求 0202保  
3966留 6341賠 0326償 0001-0434切 2275損 1136失  
0037之 2938權 5074者 2017恐 6153訪 6643連 0613甲  
3938用 5391英 2429文 1412將 6116評 1906情 6635連  
7193電 6115該 0361公 0674司 0917廠 0056示 0074文  
3195步 2508是 0694否 2589有 3981查 0047乞 6337賜  
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Yoh Shai 160026

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No. ....

Special Branch - Sl. Station,

REPORT

Date August 26, 1938.

Subject..... CNAC Aeroplane No. 32, "Kweilin" - Forced Down and Machine-  
gunned by Japanese pursuit craft near Canton on August 24.

Made by..... D.S. Pitts.

Forwarded by.....

In regard to the forcing down and subsequent machine-  
gunning of a CNAC 'plane by Japanese pursuit craft in the  
vicinity of Canton on August 24, 1938, I forward herewith  
cablegrams sent and received by the local representative of  
the CNAC, in respect to this tragedy. Enclosure (1)  
clearly states that the damaged plane is completely under  
the water and that twelve passengers, one co-pilot and  
the steward - fourteen persons in all - are missing.

According to enclosure (2) the plane was forced  
down at Changkibien in the Chungshan district of Canton  
at 8.38 a.m. August 24 whilst flying from Hongkong on a  
northbound trip.

Further details are at present unavailable from the  
local representative.

*D. S. Pitts*

D. S.

D.C. (Special Branch).

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*Jhr Robertson*

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YOH SHAI RUSH

NOTIFY MESSRS REISS BRADLEY PL 32 KWELIN COMPLETEDLY SUNK  
12 PSGRS 1 COPILOT AND STEWARD MISSING LETTERS FOLLOW

M D HKG 160025

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ADVISE REISS BRADLEY THAT OUR DOUGLAS NR 32 WAS FORCED TO LAND AT  
CHANGKIBIEN IN CHUNGSHAN~~SHAN~~ DISTRICT OF CANTON THIS MORNING ABOUT  
0830 AFTER TAKING OFF FROM HONGKONG ON NORTH BOUND TRIP STOP FURTHER  
DETAILS FOLLOW

LIANG CKG 195024

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YOH SHAI RUSH

PL 32 KWEILIN FORCED TO LAND BY X PLANES THIS MORNING AT 838 AMCREW AND  
PSGR SAFE STOP REPORT MATTER TO INSURANCE CO

SHE HKG 124024

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To She Hongkong

Pls advise if captain C C Lien was on plane No. 32 yesterday stop  
is he safe stop awaiting yr reply

Yoh Shai

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發  
To She Hongkong

Pse advise who was the steward on pl No. 32 yesterday

Teh Shai

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YOM SHAI

RE YOUR 144025 AND 152025 E STOP C C LIU WAS COPILOT 32 PL AND  
MISSING STOP STEWARD C H WONG

SHE HKG 154525

170525LC AUG

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氣象報告  
WEATHER REPORT  
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致 To: YOH SHAI ~~REX YOUR NO. 32~~

RE YOUR 134525 STP NO

HO HKG 161825

171025LC AUGUST

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致 To: Ho Hongkong

Pse advise if Dr. Sellett was on plane No. 32 yesterday

Yoh Shai

134525

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To Yoh Shai

Re your 095025 Stp C.N. Lou or Loh Yee.

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中國航空公司  
氣象報告

# WEATHER REPORT

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FORM 202A

致 YOH SHAI  
To:-

RE YOUR 095025 STP C N LOU OR 7120 2034

END

SHE HKG 153525

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致  
To She Hongkong

Please advise if page Mr. Y. Lou is one of the pages among Plane 32

Yoh Shai

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 致 To *She Hongkong Rush*

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 0202 保 7145 險 0361 云 0674 司 1919 惟 2354 接  
 6115 讀 0361 云 0674 司 4468 標 2974 此 0057 事  
 0427 出 2456 於 1942 志 1120 外 0017 至 0008 不  
 0961 在 0202 保 7145 險 4636 範 0953 固 0037 之  
 0355 內 0741 促 2609 本 2480 日 3337 以 0006 上  
 0022 中 6007 西 0677 司 1032 報 0951 坡 0426 升  
 6528 載 3251 提 6008 高 3871 格 7342 提 6182 提  
 2710 往 2651 林 5714 高 2894 提 0042 來 1356 家  
 0577 + 7411 餘 0086 人 0971 內 6657 通 1364 家  
 0284 僅 0042 來 1356 家 2869 提 0689 居 0001 -

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0086人 2894 枕 1597 11 0702 英 1102 士 0644 及  
5012 羅 2507 怡 2494 明 4583 等 0005 三 0086 人  
0228 偉 0346 免 2456 拾 7181 輕 4496 究 4544 竟  
1172 好 0149 何 6153 請 6643 迷 7193 電 4355 告

Yoh shai 101025

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TRANSLATION

The radiogram "124024" has been noted, and the Insurance Company has been informed of the matter. This Company states that as it arises out of an accident, the matter is beyond the sphere of insurance.

Local foreign and Chinese newspapers of to-day's issue, however, published stories with conspicuous headings on the subject, stating that over ten persons in the Passage Liner "Kweiling" were killed, only a Mr. Lur among the passengers, Pilot Mr. Woods and another Loo Tsao-ming, altogether three persons, escaping. Please immediately notify us by radiogram all details.

August 25, 1938.

Afternoon Translation.

Ta Mei Pao (Canton telegram) and other local newspapers :-

C.N.A.C. PLANE ATTACKED BY JAPANESE AEROPLANES

At 9 a.m. August 24, when the plane "Kweilin" (桂林) of the China National Aviation Corporation, a Sino-American concern, carrying 13 passengers and piloted by an American named Woods, was on its way from Hongkong to Chungking, Szechuen Province, it was attacked by five Japanese aeroplanes over the sea near Canton. The plane was struck by many bullets and made a forced landing in the sea. After dropping several bombs, the Japanese planes left.

The American pilot, a radio operator and a wounded passenger named Ler (李) were saved, but all the other passengers were wounded and perished in the sea. Two of the survivors have reached the city of Chung San (中山) and entered a hospital for treatment.

Planes of the China National Aviation Corporation have very clear distinguishing marks and all foreign nations were notified. The atrocious attack will probably draw a protest from America and the world.

Efforts are being made to salvage the plane and the remains of the lost passengers.

Information secured from a certain large Chinese bank in Shanghai shows that Mr. Sun Fo, President of the Legislative Yuan of the National Government, had originally intended to travel by this plane, but later he took another plane. Mr. Singloh Hsu (徐新六), General Manager of the National Commercial Bank, Shanghai, and a member of the S.M.C., and Mr. Hu Pei-kong (胡筆江), Manager of the Bank of Communications, Shanghai, were on the ill-fated plane and their fate is unknown.

Mr. Singloh Hsu, age 49, native of Chekiang, is a graduate of Birmingham University, England, and of Victoria University, Manchester. After teaching in Peking University, he became a secretary of the Ministry of Finance of the National Government and a member of the Chinese Delegation to the Paris Peace Conference. At present, Mr. Hsu is General Manager of the National Commercial Bank and a Director of the Tai San (泰山) Insurance Company, the China Steel Company, the China Development Finance Corporation, the Sz Hai (四海) Insurance Company, the "China Press", the Bank of Communications, the China Development Bank, the Chapei Water and Electricity Company and of many other concerns in Shanghai. He is one of the Chinese members of the S.M.C.

Mr. Hu Pei-kong, age 58, a native of Kiangsu, is Manager of the Bank of Communications, Managing-Director of the China & South Sea Bank, Director of the Bank of China, the China Development Finance Corporation, the China State Bank, and other banks. He is a member of the Finance Advisory Committee of the National Government.

Mrs. Singloh Hsu, living in Great Western Road, became very anxious upon learning of the disaster which befell the plane "Kweilin". She at once sent a telegram to Canton and Hankow to enquire about her husband, but up to 1 a.m. August 25, no reply had been received.